

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. Claims 1-48 are allowed.

A Request for Corrected Acknowledgement of Consideration of Disclosed Information was filed on January 13, 2004. Included with the Request was a Form PTO-1449 providing correct information for several of the references disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 6, 2000. The Examiner was requested to initial the corrected Form PTO-1449 and return a signed copy thereof to the undersigned. However, no initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 has been received. Thus, to ensure that the disclosed information is correctly listed on the reissue patent, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the references on the corrected Form PTO-1449, particularly references 4, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 23, which were corrected thereon. For the convenience of the Examiner, an additional copy of the Request filed January 13, 2004, and a copy of the date-stamped receipt are attached.

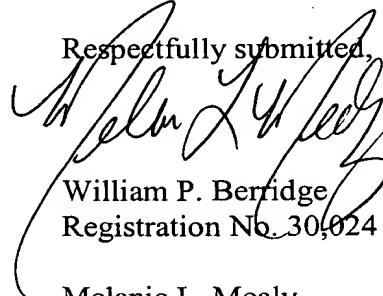
An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to initial the Form PTO-1449 attached to this Information Disclosure Statement and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

The Quayle Action requires a new Reissue Oath and surrender of the original patent. A Supplemental Reissue Declaration and the original Letters Patent are attached hereto. Based on the submission of these documents, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Request for Corrected Acknowledgment of Consideration of Disclosed Information  
Date-Stamped Receipt  
Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
Supplemental Reissue Declaration  
Original Letters Patent

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